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# McClory notes the keys for fighting inflation

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Cutting down the federal deficit and maintaining a balanced budget are the keys to waging a successful battle against inflation, according to U.S. Rep. Robert McClory, R-Lake Bluff.

McClory, who is being challenged for the Republican nomination in the primary on March 18 by state Rep. Cal Skinner Jr., R-Crystal Lake, spoke to about 35 members of the Crystal Lake Rotary Club and their guests Monday at a luncheon at the Branded Steak House.

"We want to combine balancing the budget with holding down federal spending," McClory stated as he explained a constitutional amendment he and others have introduced in Congress. The amendment is presently before a subcommittee of the House Judiciary Committee, he said.

McClory, who is the ranking GOP member of the subcommittee, said the proposal needs the support of two or three more Democrats before it can get out of committee to the floor of the House.

**FEDERAL REGULATIONS** and the cost of the numerous regulatory agencies to the taxpayer were also pointed out by McClory as fueling inflation.

"Federal regulation of our society costs the taxpayers \$100 billion," he declared. "One-fifth of the federal budget is expended to regulate ourselves."

"Until we can bring this activity under control we are going to do very little toward eliminating the federal deficit," he said.

McClory said he supports the Bumpers Amendment, which if passed would shift the burden of proof for establishing the validity of a

regulation to the agency. Presently a complainant or victim is burdened with disproving the validity of a rule.

That amendment is presently being considered by another subcommittee of the Judiciary Committee which McClory serves on, the subcommittee on administrative law.

A good example of the cost of government regulation is right here in the Crystal Lake area, McClory reported. The barium standards for water the Environmental Protection Agency has imposed, he claimed, have not been established through any scientific data, but rather are the application to water of the results of studies of safe barium levels in air.

In addition, he said, the studies are old, dating back to the late 1940s and early 1950s. Yet money must be spent for water treatment without any solid scientific proof.

**THE WINDFALL** profits tax on oil companies is simply another tax for Americans to pay, McClory said, because the cost to the oil producers will be passed on to the consumer. He said the cost of the tax was estimated at \$227 billion during the next 10 years.

"It's a windfall for the federal government," he announced. "That is, it's a tax increase being imposed on the American people by the Carter Administration."

The proposed \$126 billion income tax reductions in this election year will be more than offset by increased costs because of the windfall profits tax, he said.

**REGARDING NATIONAL** security, McClory said the nation's security was "not in good shape" because of damage done to the U.S.

intelligence establishment through regulation and reform in the last few years.

Two years ago, he said, about 850 jobs in the Central Intelligence Agency's Clandestine Services were eliminated by President Carter, reducing the nation's capabilities to conduct covert operations through the loss of some of the CIA's best people.

McClory, a member of the House Intelligence Committee, said he supported the Hughes-Ryan Bill, which would reduce the number of congressional committees the CIA has to report to on covert activities from eight to two.

National registration of 17 and 18 year olds for the selective service system is favored by the veteran congressman. He said he was scheduled to testify today before House Armed Services Committee on an amendment to bar women from military combat units.

"All we will have is registration, not a draft," he remarked. "And we will have a bar against any future use of women in combat."

The Rotarians will hear Republican challenger Skinner this coming Monday.